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These hair-raising feats were performed by young people from the village on Saturday 30 July in a Skateboarding Competition organised by the Police, and sponsored by Billy's of Cambridge and Tesco of Bar Hill. Photograph by Paul Sanwell of Ocean Press who has copyright.

Competitors used skates, scooters, skateboards and BMX bikes to perform these amazing feats. The sun shone on the spectators as they were thrilled by competitors soaring several metres into the air and landing with precision on two wheels on the ramps. Families brought their small children and had picnics - it was a great afternoon showing the village's young people at their best.

The Parish Council owns the Skate Park and would like to continue to maintain it for the village's young people as a place for them to go for exercise and meeting their friends as well as developing their skills in this sport. However, the Skate Park is now about 10 years old and needs more maintenance to keep it in good condition. The Parish Council would welcome any company/organisation which would like to sponsor a small sum each year to help with this maintenance. Please contact the Clerk (details on page 25) if you are interested in helping with this asset's upkeep.

Copy date for the next issue is 15th September to Margaret Sellars at bhneditor@yahoo.com, or see page 2 for other contact details.

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Dear Editor

I refer to the article in the August edition of the Bar Hill News written by Jairo Marin about the comment that I had written in the Bar Hill News about the condition of the 5-a-side Football Pitch.

Whilst I note his comments about the fact that I had written my views in the Bar Hill News and not spoken to someone on the committee about it, I had, however, spoken to him about it twice after we had played football, with little affect but the letter soon got me an answer.

Why should I have to join a committee to air my views? All I wanted to know is when it was going to be repaired NOT to be told that if I joined the committee I could do something about it myself ...

Chris Springett

Dear Editor

At a time when much of society is increasingly disconnected from the countryside and farming, it was encouraging to see the article titled Bee Nice by "Tread Lightly": Unfortunately, not so encouraging that it contained a litany of factual errors.

It was stated that if bees die out we face losing one third of our diet. This is incorrect. Bees are brilliant at making honey but woeful pollinators. The majority of the pollination of fruit, vegetable, grain and fibre crops is carried out by insects other than bees. The Verroa mite (not as stated Verona mite) is primarily responsible for bee colony collapse. As usual these days in such article there is a complaint against modern farming – let's not forget it is such farming that ensures a plentiful supply of cheap nutritious food for us and feeds the majority of the rapidly growing world population.

The greatest error in the article, however, is to omit that it is not just what types of plants we grow which is important, but much more important is when they are in flower. Bees suffer terribly from "hunger gaps" in the late Spring and late Summer when relatively few agricultural crops are in flower. So let's get planting – the right types of plants that flower when bees need most help.

Dr Pat Ryan

Dear Residents

I want to keep you up to date with what is happening with the Library/Post Office. Many of you attended the public meeting held in the church and since then the Parish Council has met with representatives from the County Council Libraries Services on two occasions.

The Parish Council is committed to doing all it can to keep the Library (and, of course, the Post Office) open and it appears that two things are required. A small, annual contribution towards the upkeep of the Library and also some volunteers to help a part-time member of staff. I know that some of you said that you would be prepared to be a volunteer when you attended the public meeting.

Negotiations are still on-going and the Parish Council plans to ask neighbouring Parish Councils (who do not have a Library but whose residents use ours) to help financially with the upkeep. I want to tell you that at this stage it looks as if the Parish Council will have to make a small increase in the precept (ie your Council Tax) to ensure that the Library and therefore the Post Office remains in the village. I stress small – as yet a definite figure has not been agreed – but I do not think you will find it onerous. When I know more definitely what is happening I will communicate with you again.

Margaret Sellars
Chairman
Parish Council

Dear Editor

I would like to add to the discussion on speed limits. The letter from Reverend Antony Mitchell only quotes the number of accidents resulting in injuries. The total number of accidents might be higher. Even if the overall number of injuries seems to be low in Bar Hill, we have been affected personally by an accident in Bar Hill May last year.

We live at the corner of the Brambles with Crafts way. Last May a young driver came down the hill too fast and did not manage to turn into the Brambles. Instead the car ploughed through our front garden, luckily managed to miss the house, but hit one of our cars and pushed it into the neighbour's car, both of which were parked in the driveway. Our car was a write-off and the front garden a mess.

Apart from the considerable hassle, we do not dare to think what could have happened. Not only could our house have been hit if the car had continued in a straight line which might have made it inhabitable, but if the accident had occurred slightly later, I and my three children would have been in front of the house getting in the car to go to school. Unimaginable if any of us would have been injured or even killed.

You might now think this is an isolated incident. However, last week (first week of August) there was another crash at this corner. Again a car came down the hill too fast and did not manage to turn into the Brambles properly. Another car was in the Brambles and the two cars collided. The police attended both accidents and we were told that all this feeds into a computer deciding whether this could be considered as an accident blackspot. Both of these incidents might however not have been listed in the quoted statistics, since as far as I know nobody was injured. But any accident could have led to injuries or even a casualty, if circumstances might just have been slightly different.

While incidents might be rare, the speeding down the hill most certainly isn't. I would even go so far as to say that the majority of cars come down the hill too fast. I challenge anybody to measure the time

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between when they first can see a car coming out from behind the trees and when it passes the Brambles. This is the little time you might have to pull out of the Brambles and join Crafts Way. Often enough the road was clear when I pulled out, only for me to see a car in the back mirror having to slow down considerably because they came down the hill too fast and they were still obscured by the trees when I checked, but then approached very fast.

I am not necessarily advocating a lowering of the speed limit. However, a speed camera on the slopes on both sides of the hill would be most advisable. One which reminds car drivers that they are getting too fast would be best, since many drivers do not think about their car actually gaining quite a bit of speed down the hill.

Anita Briginshaw

Dear Residents

This letter has some very serious points and I will raise the issue at the next Neighbourhood Panel meeting. I note that Anita suggests speed cameras and that could be one solution, or interactive signs. These are the signs which flash to remind you of the speed limit. I will report in the October edition of this magazine the result of my discussion with Police Officers.

Incidentally, anyone can attend these Neighbourhood Panel meetings and they are held locally - Willingham, Swavesey and sometimes in Bar Hill. Look out for the next date which will be in November - it will be published in the Bar Hill News and also on the Parish Council's website www.barhillpc.org.uk. If you have an issue which you feel strongly about and on which you think the Police can advise do try to attend.

Margaret Sellars
Chairman
Parish Council

Dear Editor

The Saga of the Village Fête

I have only been a resident of Bar Hill since April 1998 but, hopefully, that still qualifies me to comment on the riposte of Councillor Hall to the letter from "A Tesco Employee" in the August issue of the Bar Hill News. According to www.camlink.org.uk the duties of a Councillor are many and varied but, fundamentally, they have to balance the needs and represent the views of residents within their area of responsibility. I fail to see how Mr Hall can claim to have done that on this occasion.

In taking the moral high ground, he was not only patronising but flippant and dismissive of his resident's views and feelings. His childish and immature comments appear to be as a result of someone holding a different view to his own and this only serves to remind me why I didn't vote for him earlier this year.

I wonder how the Tesco employee reacted to criticism of not attending the Fête for 6 years. Perhaps, like me, they work for a living which includes Saturdays. He talks of "idle gossip in the Tesco staff room" but, perhaps, if this was a topic of discussion, it may suggest that the problem was more widespread than his small-minded reaction suggests. He arrogantly challenges the opposing view by losing count of the number of people who have commented on how much they enjoy the day. No doubt this is music to his ears and a boost to his inflated ego. It does not, however, lessen the importance of what appears to be the minority view. He has reacted like someone stung by a wasp and, in my view, must have written his responses whilst the sting was still smarting. If not, I hope he has read his offering and, on reflection, regrets its tone.

No doubt, a similar "how dare you" type missive will follow but, quite frankly, I couldn't care less. This Tesco employee is entitled to their opinion; entitled to express it and entitled to expect a grown-up reaction from their elected representative. After all, surely Mr Hall believes in the democratic spirit his position would suggest? (A rhetorical question Mr Hall – no answer required.)

Paul Jackson
Acorn Avenue

Dear Editor

Thank you for giving me the right to reply to Paul Jackson's petty response to my letter in last month's Bar Hill News. Before putting pen to paper and attempting to make political points, perhaps he should have taken time to notice that I wrote this letter in my capacity as the Chairman of the Residents' Association not as an elected councillor. I would have been failing, as Chairman, not to defend those who worked for nine months before the Fête against unjustified and unsubstantiated criticisms.

Like him, I often have to work on Saturdays. Already, I have set aside the first Saturday in July next year as the date when I will be on duty at the Fête. Has he?

Roger Hall

Dear Editor

We refer to the two letters in the August issue of the Bar Hill news, relating to the annual fête and its impact on the village.

To Roger Hall, we would comment that we know of at least one anti-social incident on the night of the village fête, which was certainly reported to the police. Perhaps Mr. Hall should check his facts and/or update his police contacts before pronouncing that there were no problems?

Mr Hall appears to be in a state of denial; we acknowledge the hard work done by all the various organisers of the fête, and that the vast majority of people enjoyed themselves and were well-behaved. Unfortunately, there were a few individuals who caused trouble, fuelled by Tesco-derived punch or not. Mr Hall proposes that the

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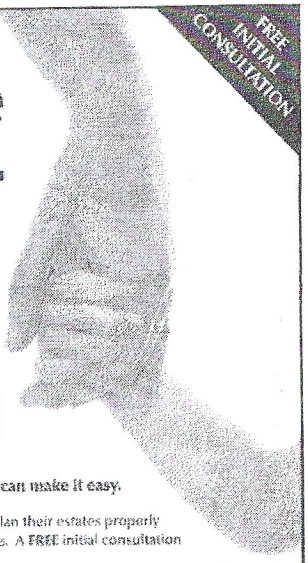

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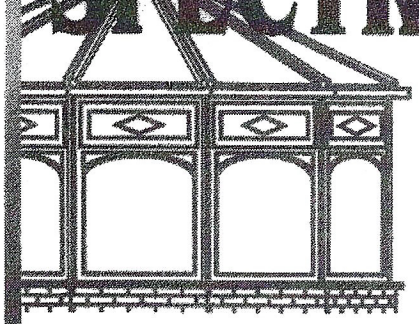

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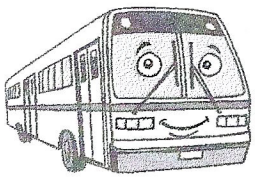
trouble cannot be related to the village fête; we leave it to other readers to decide if there is a link and what measures, if any, should be taken. However, we would appreciate some facts, and a less patronising tone, from the Chairman of the Resident's Association.
To the editor, it reflects poorly on the Bar Hill News, and yourself, when you edit a letter (i.e. from "A Tesco Employee") so badly that a reply to that letter (i.e. from Roger Hall) quotes phrases that you have edited out of the original. For example, Roger Hall quotes the phrase "summer night's madness", yet this phrase does not appear in the edited letter from "A Tesco Employee".
Yours
Dr and Mrs Nairn

Mr and Mrs Nairn you are wrong - the letter from "A Tesco Employee" was printed exactly as I received it. Not a good idea to criticise someone until you have the facts! Editor ...



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Peter Lee
Director
Whippet Coaches Limited

Dear All
I enclose a picture of the various bits that were once again, kindly put on the roof of our scout hut.
At the Clerk's suggestion, I have informed Cambridgeshire police - mainly to have it on record for stats, but also in case of any damage to the roof.
This is the second time that we have had one of the benches on the roof in the last year.
While my assistant leader was removing things from the roof on Saturday, he was assisted by a group of adults from Bar Hill. They said that they had assisted in such a way before.... their last time being after the village fete 4 years ago, and possibly before that. They also suggested that things were being put on the roof by a group of about 6 or 7 people, and that they were a little surprised that nothing had been put on the roof after the fete this year.
While things such as bins, Tesco trolleys and football goals are irritating, my main concern is the benches.
They are heavy, and putting them up on our roof poses the risk firstly of damage to our building, but secondly, of very real damage to people - such a bench falling from the roof of the hut onto one of my scouts could quite possibly kill them.
As such, I do not know whether the benches 'belong' to the village hall, the social club, or generally the village, but I would request that at the next meeting of the appropriate body, a matter for discussion would be the possibility of permanently attaching the benches to the ground - if they are on tarmac, concreting them in place would be the likely method. If they are on the field, they have holes in their feet, and staking them down with a set of 18 - 24 inch ground anchor pins, such as used in large marquees ought to deter even quite determined individuals from moving them.
I await your thoughts, and feedback from any such discussions.
Kind regards
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A TEAM OF REFEREES

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PRE SEASON FOR THE RAVENS...

In June the Ravens played in a tournament held at Sawston especially for the Under 10's.

The blues first match was against Foxton. A superbly taken hat trick from **Harry Sargent** sealed a 3-0 victory to set the day up nicely and calm any nerves!!!.

Despite dominating play and hitting the woodwork on three occasions the second game against the hosts ended goal-less.

Next up were Gransden and a blitz of goals culminated in a comprehensive 6-0 win with goals from **Harry Sargent**, **Ali Rees** (2), **Nathan Webb** (2) and **Jon Leggett** with 4 assists from **James Debono**.

Aztecs provided the Ravens with a stern test and this evenly matched fourth game ended 0-0.

The final group match was a 'victory takes all' enounter against Whittlesford with the winners progressing to the semi final. In a tense game, with enthusiastic support from both fans, a late strike from **Jevan** was enough to put the Ravens through 1-0 without **Luke Shanahan** even conceding a goal in 5 matches.

The semi final was evenly contested and a last minute strike put Shelford & Stapleford strikers into the final winning 1-0. Captain **Liam Rabel** and the rest of the squad performed admirably and should be proud of their efforts. Well done everyone that took part!! ☺

NEW PLAYERS FOR NEW TEAMS

We are looking to start new teams for

- Under 7s - we have a manager/coach that is prepared to undertake the necessary qualifications and the players should soon start training.
- Under 11s Girls only team – the Girls only teams is obviously of interest to me and would be great to have another girls team in the village – anyone up to and including Year 6 that is interested in playing should contact the Secretary – 01954 204801. We will also need a manager/coach for this team.

PRE SEASON FOR THE FOXES...

On probably the hottest day of the year so far, the Bar Hill Foxes entered two teams into the Whittlesford Tournament. It was a mixed bag for both teams in the four games.

The first game for Team A saw **Kaz McRobbie** make his debut for the team, showing some good touches and a good eye for a pass. It wasn't enough to stop the home team winning the game.

In the second game Bar Hill played with a man down. Even though they lost 1-0, it was the team's best performance of the day, with **Charlie Parker** going close to scoring on more than one occasion.

The third game was one for the crowd, finishing 2-2. **Thomas Cheesley** scored both goals and **Joe Playle** showed excellent determination almost scoring after running the length of the pitch. Their last game was another draw with **Archie Peterson** scoring the equalizer, showing he can score as well as save goals after playing some games in goal.

Miles Harvey made some good saves in Team B's first game, but couldn't stop them losing against a good Whittlesford team. Next they came up against a physical Cherry Hinton team. **John Cornwell** took his fair share of knocks and was unlucky not to have got on the score sheet. Again playing a man down against Shelford & Stapleford in the third game, they were unfortunate to lose 2-1. Their best team display of the day, mostly involving **Kieran Marsh**, led to their first goal of the day and was unlucky not to have scored again. **Ollie Andrews** saved his best performance until last against Sawston, making some great runs, creating many chances including a great effort from **Freya Goddard** who went close to scoring. A great day was had by all!! ☺

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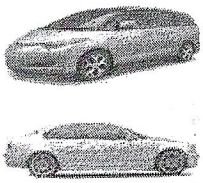

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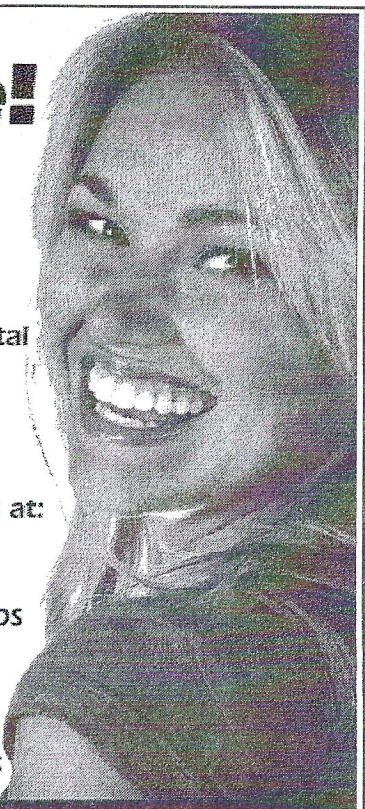

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The future of our Library

You may have seen in the local press the announcement that the Library and Information Service for Cambridgeshire is committed to retaining all the county's libraries. That is in spite of the enormous budget cut with which it is faced.

Our community and those living in villages nearby that use our Library have a vital part to play in keeping not only our Library but our Post Office going. If you volunteered to give practical help in response to the survey issued last year, you will be contacted to find out if you are still committed to that and what you are able to contribute.

Coffee in the Library

Whether you are a regular, have recently come for the first time, or are thinking about joining us, do come along to our coffee morning from 10 am to noon on 1 September. There will be another on 6 October.

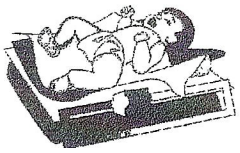
Finding out at the Library

In October there is another event in our series of talks open to all. We have Pam Harper coming to give us an insight into the fascinating work of **The Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.** Please get your ticket from Library staff in advance if at all possible. Tickets are £3 for the public, but for Friends they are only £1.50 – the reduced price is to thank you for your commitment and to encourage others to join us. Come along to the Library on **Wednesday 26 October at 7 pm** for the talk.

Annual meeting in the Library

The annual meeting of the Friends will be held on **19 October, starting at 7 pm.** We'll being reviewing the past year and looking at the year to come, as well as appointing the committee. All Friends will be most welcome.

Contact email bookfarer@gmail.com



Under 1's

Come along to our under 1's group for chat, meet other parents and refreshments.

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If you would like to come and feel that you would like to meet with Norma before hand, please call as above.

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Bar Hill Sports and Social Club

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What's on in September?

Saturday 3rd - Membership draw night

Saturday 17th - Membership draw night

Saturday 1st of October - Membership draw night

Membership Draw

At the time of writing the draw fund for the 20th of August stands at £650. If the draw is not won on the 20th of August it will rise to £675 on the 3rd of September. You have to be in the Social Club at the time of the draw to win.

Saturday Football Team

New season, new Team. We now have two Saturday Teams, so twice the action!

Fixtures in September

Bar Hill Sports & Social, Kershaw BIS 3B League

Sat 3 - 1500 Away to Little Downham Swifts

Sat 10 - 1500 Away to Exning Athletic

Sat 17 - 1500 Home to Fordham

Sat 24 - , 1500 Away to Hemingfords United A

Sat 15 - 1500 Home to Wimblington Reserves.

Bar Hill Sports & Social Reserves, Kershaw BIS 5B League

Sat 3 - 1500 Away to Haslingfield

Sat 10 - 1500 Home to Cambourne Rovers Reserves

Sat 17 - 1500 Away to Therfield & Kelshall

Sat 24 - 1500 Home to Papworth Reserves, Reg Haigh & Arthur Peck cup.

Sat 1st October 1500 Away to Royston United

Not a Member?

New members are always welcome, first year membership is £8. Pop in to have a look around and a drink. Please ask the doorman or bar staff for a membership form. See our website for opening times. The club also has a junior membership for 16 and 17 years olds. This is a one off payment of £5 and is valid until full membership can be obtained at 18.

Andrew Wilkin

01954 781881 (BHSSC)

8 O'CLOCK CLUB

The 8 o'clock club is a women's group and we meet in the school on the 1st Thursday of each month. As the name suggests we start at 8 p.m. Our programme for the new term is as follows:-

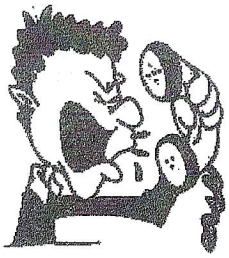
1 September - Enrolment evening

6 October - Putting the house to bed

3 November - My life as a country doctor

1 December - Christmas dinner – members only

If you would like to come along to a meeting please feel free to join us for one of the meetings or phone Barbara 204171, Adela 204265 or Ann 204687



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Family Fun Day at Bar Hill Church

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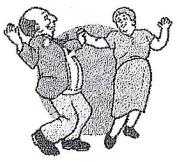

HAPPY HOURS

After our week's break at the end of July we came back with a quiz on Song Titles. Two of our tables got almost all of them right – well done! (or did I not make it hard enough?) We have confirmed our Christmas Lunch book and Birthday Party. Without any donations Christmas Lunch will be more expensive this year.

Sadly we have lost another of our long-standing members, Len Sherman. He served for many years with his wife, both being on the Committee helping to run the Club in the early days.

I was asked by a member to bring to everyone's notice COPE – an organisation which is run for the elderly. A number of our members do already belong to this group and receive regular updates. The Rotary Club in St Ives is suggesting either or both a coffee morning or lunch club. The initial meeting is at the Free Church in St Ives on 9 September at 10 am and is open for everyone.

We finished the month with an interesting talk and slides on parts of America given by Arthur Brooks from the American Cemetery covering New England and part of the Grand Canyon.

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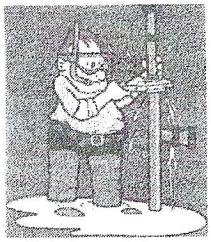

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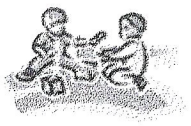

Come along every Wednesday and Friday to the Octagon Room.
Start: 09:45 to 11.15 am

£1 for under 1's, £2 for each child over 1,
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Session welcomes all children aged from 0-4 years old.
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Snacks and drinks are offered - we also cater for different dietary requirements.

If you would like to come to our group and feel that you would like to meet up with us beforehand please call Ruth on 07915602144 for more information.

BIN COLLECTION DATES

1 Sept (Thursday)	Green and **blue bins**
7 Sept	Black bin
14 Sept	Green and **blue bins**
21 Sept	Black bin
28 Sept	Green and **blue bins**

Football Project

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The officers of the Management Committee are:

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Secretary	Paul Thorby
Treasurer	Jairo Marin

The Allotment Society

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Community Market, Bar Hill
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Saturday 1st October 10.30 am to 2 pm
Saturday 5th November 10.30 am to 4 pm

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SPONSOR-A-SLAB!

It is proposed to build an enclosed patio onto the Village Hall to increase the attractiveness to potential hirers. To help with the cost a Sponsor-a-Slab scheme is in place. The slabs cost £2.50 and a plan of sponsors will be produced which will be framed and displayed in the Village Hall. The aim is to sell 200 slabs, several have already been sold both to individuals and Village organisations. Anybody wishing to contribute please contact me on 781282.
Jon York

Cambridgeshire County Council

Trading Standards – a spotlight on energy

We all want to do our bit to save energy around the home - to be 'green' and to save money. However, at Cambridgeshire County Council's Trading Standards Service we have seen an increase in queries from residents about 'cold callers' selling energy saving schemes, particularly loft insulation and solar energy, so below we offer some advice to help you.

Solar Energy

Before you start it's worth taking a look at the information provided by the Energy Saving Trust on www.energysavingtrust.org.uk or speaking to an advisor on 0800 512012.

For supplier/installer information, the Microgeneration Certification Scheme can provide a list of members online or by calling 0207 0901082. Membership is not compulsory, but you will need to use a member if you plan to use the Feed-in Tariff scheme (a government-backed initiative paying you for the electricity you generate).

Obtain three quotes to ensure the price and projected savings are competitive and realistic. Arrange a technical survey, rather than a sales visit, so the quote is accurate, and ensure all quotes are in writing, detailing what's included. Once you've chosen your installer read the contract carefully and ensure their claims about savings and maintenance costs are included before signing so that you have evidence of what you were told.

Remember! If you sign an agreement at home for solar energy, you should be given 7 days to cancel. If you need advice on this, ring Consumer Direct on 0845 4040506.

Loft and cavity insulation

When it comes to insulation, the Energy Saving Trust can provide information on grants and offers that can help you cover the cost of it. They can also provide a list of installers. It is advisable to use a member of the National Insulation Association, the Cavity Insulation Guarantee Agency or the British Board of Agreement, ideally who has signed up to a professional code of practice and provides a 25 year guarantee.

Reducing your energy bills

Start by checking with your current gas and electricity supplier that you are on their best rate. Then compare the prices of other suppliers in case you can get it cheaper – switching supplier could save you around £237 a year if you haven't changed before. You can compare prices on Consumer Focus's weekly pricing factsheets at www.consumerfocus.org.uk or by contacting Consumer Direct on 0845 4040506 for a paper copy. Also, most suppliers offer cheaper tariffs for 'vulnerable' customers, so it is worth enquiring about these 'social tariffs' if you are over 60, are on means tested benefits or are on low income. In addition, your District Council could offer you advice on how to reduce the amount of energy you use in your home by offering a home visit, or you can get tips by calling the Energy Saving Trust.

Support if you are struggling to pay your energy bills

If you are struggling to keep on top of energy bills, seek help from your local Citizens Advice Bureau, either in person or on the phone on 08444 111 444.

Finally, if you feel that you have been mis-sold any product or service – energy or otherwise - or have any other kind of consumer issue, contact our partner Consumer Direct for advice.

COFFEE AND KIDS

Coffee and Kids is run by Bar Hill Childminders for parents, carers and childminders of babies and pre school children. It is a very informal session held in the Octagon on Thursday mornings (term time only) from 9.45 am to 11.15 am. The price of £2.00 per family/childminder includes hot drinks for the adults and soft drinks and healthy snacks for the children. We have a large range of indoor and outdoor toys and a safe soft play area for babies. Call Melanie on 01954 204496 for more details

Bar Hill Childminders

If you are thinking of going back to work or would just like to have a bit of time to yourself, then why not leave your child in a friendly family environment with a Childminder who is Ofsted registered, fully insured and First Aid trained. Childminders offer a wide range of activities including trips out to local toddler groups and parks, arts and crafts, music, stories and much much more. If you would like to find out more you can call any of the childminders listed below or just come along to our Coffee and Kids session on Thursday mornings between 9.45 am and 11.15 am.

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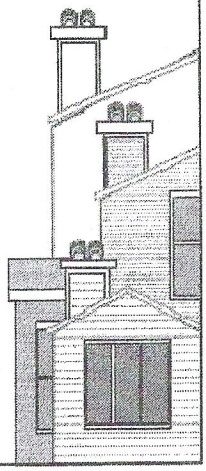

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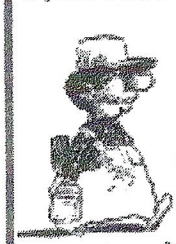

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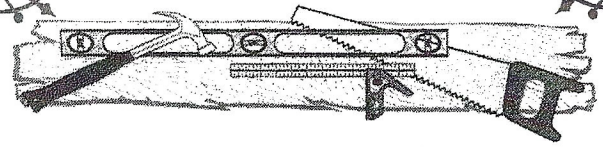

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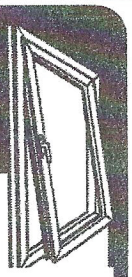

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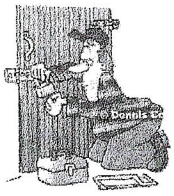

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New Zealand Guide Trip 2011

On the 16th of July 2011 we travelled to New Zealand via Hong Kong with the rest of our group of Guides from the UK. We arrived in Auckland very tired but looking forward to what lay ahead. We set off on 19th July with Girl Guides/Girl Scouts from the UK, America and Australia on a 10-day tour of the North Island.

Day 1 - We started the day by going up Mount Eden in Auckland and then went up the Sky Tower which had impressive views. We visited Kelly Tarltons Under Water World where we saw some really cute penguins and fish!

Day 2 - We travelled north and went on a cruise around the Bay of Islands. It was really exciting to see a school of dolphins around the boat – there must have been about 20. It was amazing to see them as it was our first time seeing them in the wild!! We visited Russell, which was the old capital of New Zealand – it was very pretty.

Day 3 - We went on the Cape Runner, a bus journey which takes you to places at the tip of New Zealand. It started with us visiting the very tip of the North Island a light house at Cape Reinga. We then went sand tobogganing which was scary! The tour ended with a drive along 90 mile beach and a paddle in the sea.

Day 4 - We visited the Waitangi Treaty House. We then went in some thermal pools where we could swim and go down the slides. The hottest pool was 48 degrees! They were very relaxing but it wasn't very nice when you got out because it was so cold.

Day 5 - We drove south to the Waitomo Caves, the ceilings were spotted with gloworms! We then went in more thermal pools at the place we were staying – these weren't quite as hot however still very relaxing! We then spent the rest of the evening doing a little concert finishing it all off with some Guiding songs.

Day 6 - Our day started with a visit to the New Zealand farm show. From here we travelled to Puia where we saw mud pools and geysers. We also saw a kiwi – but it wasn't in the wild sadly! We watched a Maori Concert Party, the singing and dancing was amazing. We then went up a gondola and then came down on luges. In the evening we went to meet some New Zealand Guides where we had dinner and chatted.

Day 7 - The first visit of the day was to a Maori village in Roturua where there was a wonderful church. We then travelled to Lake Taupo. As the conditions were not suitable for jet boating we went to see the newest Harry Potter film instead!

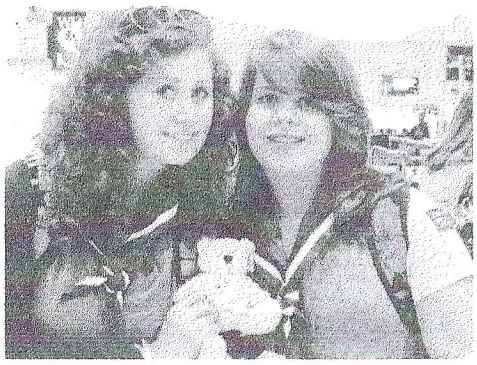
Day 8 - In the morning we walked to Lake Taupo. We then went to the Huka Falls which we visited by jet boat, 300000 tonnes of water per minute went down the waterfall.

Day 9 - On the way to Wellington we stopped because there was snow ... on a desert road! Once in Wellington we went on a cable car ride and visited the Te Papa museum. We went for dinner with American and the Australian Guides as a treat as it was the last night.

Day 10 - We woke up very early to say goodbye to the Americans this morning. We had a walk round Wellington and went on pedaloes. Then we left for the airport for our long journey home via Auckland and Hong Kong.

We would like to thank everyone who supported us and helped with our fundraising towards our trip to New Zealand.

Grace Plumb and Gemma Thorby



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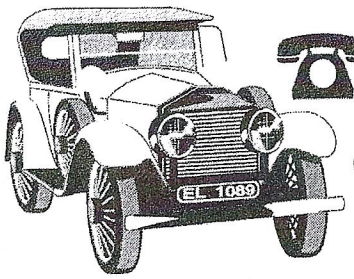

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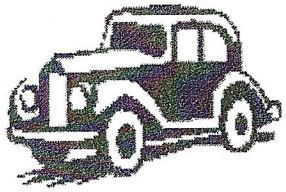

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Hedging

Due to the current economic climate we have had to make cut backs this year so the Parish Council is asking residents to take a look over their garden fences and if you see any weeds or brambles that need to be cut back. Please help the Parish Council by cutting these back yourselves. Obviously if it's too big a job, then contact me and I will arrange for an inspection with a view to having this done some time during the course of the year.

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I still have two bikes and a scooter which are looking for homes, and also a set of keys to a VW. Please pop in to claim your property otherwise the bikes and scooter will go to good homes.

Parish Council Meetings

The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 15 September at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public and press are welcome to attend. There is an Open Forum at the start of the meeting for residents to put their views across. Please come along if you have an issue to raise, or if you just want to see what goes on at our meetings.

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Wed	Helen Jones (Dance)	4-6.45 pm
Wed	Zumba	7-8 pm
Wed	Pilates	8-9 pm
Thurs	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30 am
Thurs	Pilates	10.30-11.30 am
Thurs	Karate	4 - 5 pm
Thurs	Weightwatchers	6 - 8 pm
Fri	Martial Arts	6.30-8.30 pm
Sat	Sweat and Tone	8 - 9 am
Sat	Zumba	9 - 10 am
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The firsts won two and lost two, picking up 20 points by virtue of Littleport defaulting, and also winning a crucial match in the battle against relegation by beating Cambourne. **Sam Wilson** had superb figures of 5 for 18 to bowl out the opposition for only 72, with **Adam Dean** taking three wickets. **Pip Dickinson** supervised the run chase with 25 not out as Bar Hill won by four wickets.

There were defeats to Witcham and Longstowe, despite **Martin Cullum** blasting a rapid unbeaten 48, including five sixes, against the former. **Scott Stanford** added 38, but Bar Hill found Witcham's total of 220 out of reach.

Priyal Perera took 3 for 15 and **Nathan Dean** scored 41 against Longstowe.

The seconds did not play at all between July 9 and August 13, picking up wins by default in that period.

They finally saw action against Willingham II, winning easily by eight wickets after bowling out their hosts for 78, with the bowling honours shared by **Richard Page, Jim Neal, Barry Driver** and **Sean Prosser** and the batting by **Jim, David Fletcher** and **Guy Walker**.

At the time of writing, the firsts have three matches to save themselves from relegation, while the seconds have two to secure promotion.

The friendly against Globe was an exciting affair which went to the wire. **Sam Clare** hit 75 and **Aaron Jolley** and **Scott Stanford** 35 each as Bar Hill posted 227 for 6 in 30 overs.

Globe won with three wickets and two balls to spare, despite **Archie Lenton** clean bowling three opposing batsmen – and conceding 50 extras probably didn't help the village's cause.

There was also an exciting finish in the **chairman's challenge** against the Social Club (Wrinklies), with the "wrong" result from our point of view!

Tom Levitt and **Nathan Dean** both reached the retirement score of 30 as Bar Hill scored 170 for 8.

But the Social Club reached the target with two wickets left in the final over, with key innings from **Wayne Goddard** and **Archie Lenton**.

The club intends to set up an **under-12 team** for next season, for youngsters aged under 12 at the beginning of this school year. Younger players, both boys and girls are also eligible. If anyone is interested, please contact me on the number below.

Our **award presentations** will take place in the Sports & Social Club after our final match of the season on September 3, and we have an end-of-season outing planned to Peterborough Dogs.

Our **annual meeting** will be held on a date to be fixed in October – members will be notified, but please also keep an eye on the website at **www.barhillcricket.org.uk.** That is the place to visit for details of all our activities, or call me on the number below if you would like to know more about the club.

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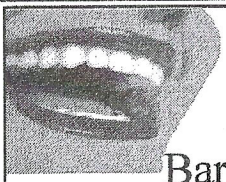

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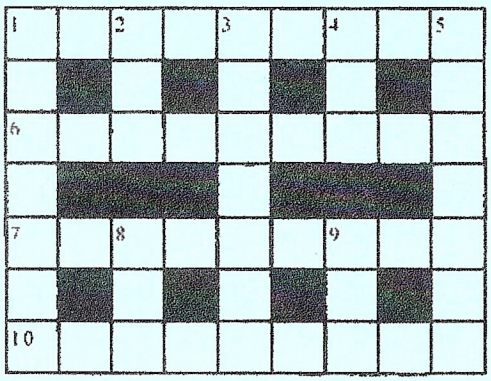
Solution for August

Across: 1.Knebworth, 6.nonplused (USA), 7.corporeal, 10.proofread.

Down: 1.kingcup, 2.eon, 3.Waldorf, 4.RHS, 5.huddled, 8.Rio, 9.eye.



Clues for September

Across: 1.bell flower, 6.dianthus, 7.scarlet flower, 10. one who manages financial assets.

Down: 1.pilots space, 2.famous Russian tall ship, 3.- - - - - - - Mozart, 4.short for university, 5.ring shaped yearly, 8.- - - West, actress, 9.not either.

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church - Services for September 2011

A modern church for a modern village. Please join us on a Sunday to find out what happens inside; you will be made very welcome.

Sun 4th	10 am	Holy Communion
	6:30 pm	Evening Worship
Sun 11th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Morning Worship
	3 pm	Family Fun
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 18th	10 am	Holy Communion
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 25th	10 am	Harvest Service (donations to Jimmy's Nightshelter)
	6:30 pm	Holy Communion
Wed 28th	10 am	Holy Communion

A Roman Catholic service on Saturday evenings at 6 pm

People to contact:

The minister: Rev Ruth Adams Tel: 01954 789369
Church Centre Manager: Tel/Fax: 206120 (office hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30-10.30)

Websitewww.barhillchurch.org.uk

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs
Hills Road, Cambridge
(The Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest: Mgr Peter Leeming Tel: 01223 350787
Deacons: Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop and Tony Sutton
Local contact: Bunty Waters Tel: 201421

Mass at Bar Hill Octagon Saturdays: 6 pm First Mass of Sunday

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8 am and 12.15 pm
Tuesday 8 am and 7.30 pm
Saturday 6 pm First Mass of Sundays
Also 5 pm at The Ark, Cambourne, and 6 pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Saturday 10.30 – 11.15 am, 4.30 – 5.15 pm, 7 – 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday – copies are available in the Church Centre.

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We have two settings in the village located at the Village Hall Centre and Church Centre. Both Pre School settings have bright and airy rooms, both gardens are fully secure and enclosed. We provide safe, secure, independent learning environments for children aged 2-5 years.

Our ethos is to ensure a high quality of care and education by focussing on each individual child's ability, interests and we encourage their development throughout the Early Years Foundation stage.

Our key person and buddy system enables our Early Years team to meet the needs of individuals through planning child focussed next steps.

We have a snack bar where all children in turn prepare a variety of healthy balanced foods for themselves and peers twice a day.

Snack times help children to develop independence through preparing, making choices, serving food and refreshments.

We pride ourselves in providing outstanding Parental/ Carer partnership and use communication diaries to encourage working together.

Moving on sessions

These sessions are for children in their final year at Pre School. This is a more structured session preparing children for school entry.

Flexible childcare and Early Years funding

We are registered for and offer 15 hours free flexible childcare for the term after a child's 3rd birthday.

Play Tots sessions

These are held in both settings for Parents/Carers and children up to 5 years old including babies. We have lots of fun and have a large selection of indoor/ outdoor activities including our soft play den and toys especially for the tots.

Sessions are held on a pay as you play basis. Drinks and healthy snacks are provided.

Tuesday 9.15-10.45 Village Hall Setting

Thursday 1.15-2.45 Church Centre Setting

For more information please contact either Pre School on the above numbers or feel free to pop in and meet our Managers and Early Years team during session times.

Our session allocation Co-ordinator Sarah is always on hand to support you through the registration process. Email: enquiries@barhillpreschool.co.uk

We look forward to meeting you and your child.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

NWR is a countrywide network of autonomous groups of lively minded women. We promote friendship and self confidence, share ideas, discuss topics, listen to speakers and enjoy social events.

1st September BAG LADIES – Put three items into a bag for the group to open and guess to whom each bag belongs Venue: Bobby's

15th September WOMEN IN POLITICS – Select and research a woman politician Venue: Di's

29th September THE BIG SOCIETY – Discussion - Is it working? Venue: Brenda's

The Bar Hill group meets informally on alternate Thursday evenings and we pay just £1 per meeting to cover costs. All women are welcome. If you would like more information, or someone to accompany you to a meeting please do not hesitate to call Kaye Fuller on 782403 or Jenny O'Dell on 201269. NWR can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk,: why not have a look!

COMBERTON RAMBLERS

Join our friendly group for wonderful walks

Membership is £7.50 per person for the year and people under 18 are free.

For more information and a further list of our walks, please contact the Secretary, Eileen Marsh on 01223 262940 or email eileen@thecovert.fsnet.co.uk.

All walks start at * 10:15 *** unless noted**

18/09/11 Ashwell 5.5 miles A combination of quiet lanes and field paths over gently undulating countryside. Wide expanses and extensive views. **Meet at The Three Tons Hotel - Tel: 01462 742107** (book 2 weeks earlier) Sunday roast £10.95 but also jackets, risotto, omelettes etc cheaper.

02/10/11 Clayhithe/Baits Bite Lock 5 miles. Lovely riverside walk. **Meet at The Bridge Hotel Clayhithe Tel: 01223 860622**

JUMBLE SALE

In aid of Bar Hill's Memorial Garden

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The Octagon
Bar Hill Church

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